

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the abstract of the invention as indicated below:

The present invention provides a composition having biological activity, ~~comprising:~~ (1) The composition includes from about 10 ppm to about 5000 parts iodonium salt, ~~;~~ (2) ~~The composition also includes~~ from about 100 ppm to about 300,000 ppm of a compound to act as a carrier of the iodonium compound. ~~The carrier and~~ is selected from at least one ~~the group consisting of~~ polyvinyl alcohols, polyvinyl acetates, polyethylene glycols, ethylene glycol and propylene glycol block copolymers, cellulosic polymers, polyesters, alkyd polymers, ~~;~~ (3) ~~The composition also includes~~ from about 50 ppm to about 50,000 ppm of a compound to render the composition compatible with a surface being treated, ~~and~~ This component is selected from at least one ~~the group consisting of~~ di-acids, acid anhydrides, polyfunctional acids, di-ethylene glycol, resorcinol and the like, ~~;~~ and (4) The composition also includes an appropriate vehicle selected from at least one ~~the group consisting of~~ water, acidified water, paint, primer, and petroleum distillates. ~~The present invention further provides~~ The invention also includes numerous methods of using the above ~~compound~~ composition by applying the ~~compound~~ composition to a surface to be treated.